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PRESTON NORTH END F.C.

PRESTON NORTH END versus **COVENTRY CITY**

(Friendly Match)

SATURDAY, 7th AUGUST, 1976

Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

official programme 5p

PEN PICTURES

JIM BLYTH (2.2.55). Born at Perth and signed in October 1972 for £22,000 having played only one game in the Football League for Preston North End. A safe and reliable goalkeeper who won Scottish Youth International caps, but whose progress was impaired by a number of serious injuries. Broke through into the First Team for the last 16 games of the 1975–6 season.

JIM BROGAN (5.6.44). Joined the Highfield Road staff in July 1975 after being granted a free transfer by Celtic for whom he made over 500 appearances. A resolute defender with considerable experience in European football. Basically a left-sided defender who is also at home in the central defensive positions.

LES CARTWRIGHT (4.3.52). Born at Aberdare in South Wales, a product of the Club's youth system. He has been capped by Wales at Youth and Under-23 level and is a present member of the full international squad representing his country on many occasions—a member of the European Nations Cup squad. A fast direct winger who thrills the crowd with his attacking flair.

MICK COOP (10.7.48). Born at Grimsby, Mick completes ten years as a professional with the Sky Blues and has been granted a Testimonial Match in this regard. Made his League debut in the 1966–7 season and has completed over 250 appearances in the Football League. Was an ever present last season. A fast and clever full-back who enjoys going forward and working the overlap.

DAVID CROSS (8.12.50). Born at Bury, he began his professional career at Rochdale and was transferred to East Anglia where he made a number of appearances for Norwich City before joining the Sky Blues in November 1973 for a then Club record fee of £150,000. An aggressive brave front runner who has proved to be very good in the air. Was the Club's leading goal scorer for the 1975–6 season, with 16 goals to his credit.

JOHN CRAVEN (15.5.47). Born at St. Annes in Lancashire, John began his career with Blackpool in January 1965 where he was a playing colleague of manager Gordon Milne. Signed for the Sky Blues in May 1973 from Crystal Palace for £42,000. Is equally at home in the back four or in midfield where he has played a number of times for the Sky Blues.

ALAN DUGDALE (11.9.52). Born at Kirkby on Merseyside, Alan joined the Sky Blues as an apprentice professional. Was a member of England's successful Little World Cup team in 1971 and has established himself in the team's back four. Made 34 appearances in the Football League last season.

MICK FERGUSON (3.10.54). A discovery of Bob Dennison's scouting network, he hails from Newcastle upon Tyne and joined the Sky Blues from school in 1970, turning professional two years later. A free-scoring striker in youth and Central League football. Mick broke into the Football League team in the 1974–5 season and last season made 11 First Team appearances. Was also substitute 15 times during this period.

ALAN GREEN (1.1.54). Born at Worcester, he joined the Club from school and turned professional two years later in 1971. A very quick striker who made his mark in youth football, being a member of England's Youth Team which won the World Cup in 1972. Scored prolifically at youth and reserve team level before making his debut in the Football League three seasons ago. Made 29 appearances last season.

JIMMY HOLMES (11.11.53). Born at Dublin, Jimmy joined the Club from school and turned professional in November 1970. A former Eire Youth International who was capped for his country before making his Football League debut here at Highfield Road. A stylish full-back who uses the ball well. He is equally at home in midfield. Last season he made 34 First Team appearances. He is a regular member of the full Eire National team.

BRYAN KING (18.4.47). Born at Bishop Stortford and signed for the Sky Blues in August 1975 for a fee of £57,000. A former Chelmsford City player signed by Millwall eight years ago as a 20-year-old for a fee of £3,500. Rated the best goalkeeper outside the First Division when at The Den. Sustained an injury which curtailed his First Team appearances to 23 last season. He is expected to have made a full recovery for the new season.

DONAL MURPHY (23.2.55). Joined the Club on 14th August 1970 as a youth team player. Returned to Ireland for a period of eighteen months playing for Shamrock Rovers. On his return from Ireland in 1975 he made his League debut at West Ham on 8th August 1975. He has the ability to score goals and has already represented his native Eire at youth team level and is under serious consideration for the full Eire squad.

GRAHAM OAKEY (5.10.54). Born in Worcester, Graham joined the staff as an apprentice professional upon leaving school and turned professional two years later. He broke into the First Team after the first four matches of the 1974–5 season, but for two facial injuries held his place during a difficult campaign. Became the Coventry City Supporters' Club 'Player of the Year' that season, pleasing the Coventry crowds with his attacking flair and gutsy performances. Made 32 appearances in the Football League last season.

BARRY POWELL (29.1.54). Joined the Club on 30th August 1975 from Wolverhampton Wanderers at a fee of £75,000. Born in Kenilworth, Barry joined Wolverhampton first at youth team level and has represented England at Under-23 level on four occasions. A midfield dynamo who scored seven goals in his 32 League appearances last season.

COVENTRY CITY F.C. SEASON 1976–7

SEASON TICKETS

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Line-up

PRESTON NORTH END		COVENTRY CITY
Roy TUNKS	1	Bryan KING
John McMAHON	2	Mick COOP
Gary WILLIAMS	3	Jim BROGAN
Stephen DOYLE	4	Alan DUGDALE
David SADLER	5	John CRAVEN
Mark LAWRENSON	6	Jimmy HOLMES
Jim BROWN	7	Barry POWELL
Gordon COLEMAN	8	Alan GREEN
John SMITH	9	David CROSS
Mike ELWISS	10	Donal MURPHY
Alex BRUCE	11	Les CARTWRIGHT
	12	Mick FERGUSON

REFEREE: J. RICE (Leyland)

LINESMEN: S. LEAVER (Red Flag) J. KAYE (Yellow Flag)

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